Ordinance
on Fees under the Federal Act on Swiss Citizenship
(FeeO-SCA)

of 23 November 2005 (Status as on 6 December 2005)

The Swiss Federal Council,
based on Article 46a of the Government and Administration Organisation Act
(GAOA) of 21 March 1997¹,
ordains:

Art. 1     Subject matter
This Ordinance regulates the fees for first instance rulings of the Federal Office for
Migration (FOM) in matters related to the Swiss Citizenship Act of 29 September
1952² (SCA).

Art. 2     Scope of Application of the General Fees Ordinance
Where this Ordinance contains no specific provisions, the provisions of the General
Fees Ordinance of 8 September 2004³ apply.

Art. 3     fee rates
1 The FOM charges the following fees:

    a. for the grant of the federal naturalisation permit to:
       1. persons who at the time of the application being made have
          attained the age of majority 100
       2. spouses who submit a joint application 150
       3. persons who at the time of the application being made are minors 50
    b. for simplified naturalisation under Articles 27 and 28 SCA⁴ 450
    c. for decisions on other simplified applications for citizenship as well as
       on the renaturalisation of persons who:

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¹ SR 172.010
² SR 141.0
³ SR 172.041.1
⁴ SR 141.0
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1. at the time the application is made have attained the age of majority
2. at the time the application is made are minors
d. for decisions to refuse or not to consider applications
e. for decisions relating to the declaration of the nullity of applications for citizenship

2 For minor children who are included in the naturalisation application of a parent, the FOM charges no fee.

3 In addition to the fees mentioned in paragraph 1 letters b and c, the FOM charges the following fees on behalf of the cantonal authority concerned for the following activities:

a. for the preparation of enquiry reports by the canton of residence, a maximum of 300
b. for verifying the civil status of persons resident abroad 100

Art. 4 Fees charged by Swiss representations abroad
For their services in connection with applications for citizenship, foreign representations charge fees in accordance with the Ordinance of 28 January 2004 on the Fees of Swiss Diplomatic and Consular Representations.

Art. 5 Increases and reductions in fees
The fees in terms of Article 3 paragraphs 1 and 3 may be increased by up to twice the amount or reduced by up to half if the processing of the application requires considerably more work or less work than average.

Art. 6 Collection of fees
1 The FOM may charge the fees in advance, on the decision being made, or by invoice.
2 Outside Switzerland, the fees must be paid in advance in the relevant national currency. In countries that do not have a convertible currency, the fees may be levied in a different currency by agreement with the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA).
3 The rates of exchange in terms of paragraph 2 are fixed by the Swiss diplomatic and consular representations in accordance with the instructions from the DFA.

5 SR 191.11
Art. 7 Repeal of current law
The Ordinance of 2 December 1996\(^6\) on Fees under the Federal Act on Citizenship is repealed.

Art. 8 Commencement
This Ordinance comes into force on 1 January 2006.

\(^6\) [AS 1996 3250, 2003 4329, 2004 2903 Sec. III]